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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN EC COMMISSION AND US

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3313

1. WE HAVE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH LETTER AS REPRODUCED
IN REFTEL, BUT WOULD LIKE MISSION TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES - MOST OF A STYLISTIC NATURE - TO THE COMMISSION.

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A) IN PARA 7 REFTEL, WOULD PREFER THAT WORDS "CONCURRENCE

IN" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "AGREEMENT WITH." THIS CHANGE WOULD HELP TO CLARIFY THAT EXCHANGE IS NOT A FORMAL AGREEMENT.

B) IN PARAS 3 AND 6 REFTTEL, WORD "GOVERNMENT" SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "ADMINISTRATION".

C) IN PARA 4 REFTTEL, WE PROPOSE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL AREA OF INTEREST TO BE INSERTED BETWEEN THOSE ON INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY: "EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONSULTATIONS AS APPROPRIATE ON POSSIBLE US-EC TRADE PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES."

D) PARA 5 REFTTEL IS SOMEWHAT OBSCURE AS TO RELATIVE ROLES OF

POLICY-LEVEL AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS. WE PROPOSE REWORDING IT AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. TO PLAN, COORDINATE AND REVIEW COOPERATION IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED ABOVE, OFFICIALS AT A POLICY LEVEL COULD MEET ALTERNATELY IN BRUSSELS AND WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE AS APPROPRIATE, IN GENERAL TWICE A YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME TECHNICAL EXPERTS MIGHT ALSO MEET FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON PREVIOUSLY AGREED TOPICS. IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO CONVENE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS OF EXPERTS FROM TIME TO TIME OR TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION IN OTHER WAYS. THE RESULTS OF ALL SUCH TECHNICAL EXCHANGES WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE - ATTENTION OF THE POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS. IT WOULD ALSO SEEM TO ME DESIRABLE TO CONTINUE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AT OUR LEVEL. ENDQUOTE

E) IN PARA 6 REFTTEL, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE "DESIRABLE" FOR "APPROPRIATE- AND SUBSTITUTE THE PHRASE "TO REVIEW ITS PROGRESS FROM TIME TO TIME IN" FOR "HAVE IT ENTERED AS A STANDING ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF" ALSO "PERIODICAL" SHOULD BE "PERIODIC".

2. REQUEST MISSION INFORM US ANY REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSION. BROWN

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